WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A camera control system for selecting one of a plurality of controllable cameras connected to a network, and for controlling video display, comprising

5   camera-status display means for real-time displaying statuses of at least two of the cameras.

2.   The camera control system according to claim 1, further comprising:

10   layout-display means; and

symbol-display means for displaying camera symbols representing the plurality of cameras over a layout displayed on said layout-display means,

wherein said symbol-display means displays one

15   or more current statuses of predetermined features of the cameras with the camera symbols.

3.   The camera control system according to claim 1, wherein said camera-status display means displays connection and disconnection of the cameras to the network, and start and end of use, parameters and available or unavailable status of use of one connected camera.

4.   The camera control system according to claim 3, wherein when a user desires to use one of the cameras,

if the camera is used by another user, said symbol-display means displays the symbol of the camera in a color different from that of the other cameras.

5.   The camera control system according to claim 3, wherein said camera-status display means displays a pan angle by a direction of a camera symbol.

6.   The camera control system according to claim 3, wherein if registration of a new camera is informed on the system, said symbol-display means displays a camera symbol of the new camera on the layout, while if a camera is disconnected, said symbol-display means deletes the camera symbol of the camera on the layout.

7.   The camera control system according to claim 2, wherein said symbol-display means displays a symbol of an unavailable camera so as to indicate responseless status.

8.   The camera control system according to claim 1, further comprising:

    camera control means for controlling the cameras; and

    management means for managing the statuses of the cameras,

wherein said camera control means notifies said management means of the statuses of the cameras.

9.   The camera control system according to claim 8, wherein said camera control means notifies the statuses of the cameras in accordance with instruction from said management means.

10.   The camera control system according to claim 9, wherein said camera-status display means displays the statuses of the cameras in accordance with information outputted by said management means.

11.   A camera control system for selecting one of a plurality of controllable cameras connected to a network, and for controlling video display and camera parameters, comprising:

layout-display means;

symbol-display means for displaying one or more camera symbols representing the cameras, over a layout displayed on said layout-display means; and

change means for interactively changing the camera symbol, in accordance with change of initial setting of said system.

12.   The camera control system according to claim 1,

wherein change of the camera symbol by said change
means is addition, deletion and changing of position
and direction of the camera symbol.

5   13.   The camera control system according to claim 1,
further comprising layout-information change means for
interactively changing the layout displayed on said
layout-display means.

10   14.   The camera control system according to claim 3,
wherein said layout-information change means
interactively adds and deletes the layout displayed on
said layout-display means.

15   15.   A camera control system for selecting one of a
plurality of controllable cameras connected to a
network, and for controlling video display and the
camera, comprising:
         layout-display means;
20   symbol-display means for displaying one or more
camera symbols representing the cameras over a layout
displayed on said layout-display means; and
         change-reflection means for on-line reflecting
change of initial setting of said system by one of a
25   plurality of users, on the layout and the camera
symbol on a display screen of another user.